



## City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> Kristin Little Sukys		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board		<b>Position Title:</b> Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> 1/25/2022	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2025  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> District 4	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98105	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> Kristin Sukys is an experienced public health practitioner with a mission to eradicate poverty, promote health, and combat climate change through food-related policy and programs. Kristin received her MSc. from Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy specializing in community food security and public health. Kristin is currently a Policy Analyst at the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation (CHLPI) of Harvard Law School, which seeks to improve care for underserved individuals at every point of interaction with the healthcare system. For three years, she has led CHLPI's Approaches to Reducing the Consumption of Sugar initiative that provides technical assistance to local and state-level clients interested in implementing sugar reduction policies similar to Seattle's Sweetened Beverage Tax. Kristin has permanently relocated to Seattle and is seeking opportunities to be engaged with local food policy.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> Teresa Mosqueda Councilmember

# Kristin Little Sukys, MSc

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## PROFILE

Experienced public health practitioner striving to create food systems that promote health and exploit neither people nor planet. Highly analytic with strong research, written and verbal skills and well-versed in communicating with diverse stakeholders, community engagement, project management and policy analysis. Team-oriented and optimistic.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Policy Analyst, Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation of Harvard Law School (Boston)** *Jan 2018-Present*

- Provide technical assistance to clients at the local, county, and state-level interested in implementing policies to reduce the consumption of sugar on an annual basis as part of a 3-year grant
- Conduct research and law and policy analysis across the food, public health, and health care systems
- Draft policy recommendations and evaluate feasibility, impact, and equity considerations
- Coordinate advocacy at the state and federal level for legislative, regulatory, and administrative action
- Write memoranda, comment letters, reports, testimony, case studies, and issue briefs and present on findings
- Assist with drafting grant applications (5+), submitting grant reports, and monitoring budget
- Manage multiple research assistants and interns simultaneously who provide support with various projects

### **Health Law and Policy Clinical Supervisor**

*Jan 2018-Present*

- Curate learning experiences for Health Law and Policy Clinic students to assist with projects each semester
- Manage 2-4 students each semester throughout their project timelines and provide high-touch mentorship

### **Food is Medicine Massachusetts Coordinator & Research Task Force Co-Chair**

*July 2019-Present*

- Co-built a coalition of over 200 members representing over 100 member organizations and three task forces
- Oversee and manage operations including meetings; email, [website](#), and social media communication; strategic plan development; implementation; and advocacy for the full coalition and the Research Task Force
- Build and maintain relationships with other coalitions, new member organizations, and other key stakeholders
- Manage data collection, analysis, and an advisory panel of a 2-year inventory project surveying 1200 food and nutrition providers across the state

### **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Chair**

*July 2020-Present*

- Co-founded a committee of 9 staff members to develop and implement CHLPI's first DEI Action Plan
- Manage implementation of the action plan and coordinate monthly committee meetings and reading groups
- Liaison with Harvard Law School Clinical Equity and Racial Justice committee coordinating cross-clinic efforts

### **Food Policy Researcher, Somerville Food Security Coalition (Boston)**

*June- Sept 2018*

- Researched strategies and developed recommendations on how to address structural racism in the Somerville local food system to inform an addendum to the Somerville Community Food System Assessment
- Provided recommendations on how to address potential changes to "public charge" to provide protection and address food access for noncitizens and their families

### **Program Planning Fellow, City Harvest (New York City)**

*June- Sept 2017*

- Assisted with developing a new 5-year strategic plan for City Harvest's Healthy Neighborhood Initiative
- Investigated successes and challenges of place-based healthy food access programs and presented findings to the Healthy Food Retail Action Network of NYC
- Participated in Community Action Network meetings in 5 boroughs to foster collaboration and partnership

## Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board September 2021

**11** Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125324, all member subject to City Council confirmation, two and four-year terms for initial appointments, four-year terms thereafter:

- **5** City Council-appointed
- **6** Mayor-appointed

### Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
2	NB	N/A	1.	Food Access Representative	Jaimée Marsh	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Council
3	F	2	2.	Food Access Representative	Barbara Baquero	9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
6	F	5	3.	Food Access Representative	Rebecca Finkel	9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
2	F	1	4.	Community Representative	Bilan Aden	9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
2	F	2	5.	Community Representative	Tanika Thompson	9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Council
1	F	2	6.	Public Health Representative	Christina Wong	9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Council
6	F	4	7.	Public Health Representative	Kristin Little Sukys	9/1/2021	8/31/2025	1	Council
6	F	1	8.	Public Health Representative	Jennifer Hey	9/1/2021	8/31/2025	1	Mayor
2	F	2	9.	Public Health Representative	Barbara Rockey	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Mayor
2	F	N/A	10.	Early Learning Representative	Munira Mohamed	9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Council
			11.	Early Learning Representative	Dan Torres	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Mayor

### SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART FOR CURRENT MEMBERS

	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	1	5				2	1			2			
Council		5			1	3				1			
Other													
Total		7		1	1	3	2			2			

### Key:

\*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

\*\*G List *gender*, M= Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, NB= Non-Binary O= Other U= Unknown

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

*Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.*

*\*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.*

**Director of Operations & Outreach, CompostNow** (North Carolina)  
2016

*Sept 2015- June*

- Managed daily operations and customer support for a compost company serving 600 households, offices and restaurants across 9 cities and towns in North Carolina with 25 community farm partners
- Organized events services and coordinated partnerships that strengthened community capacity

**ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

- **Nutrition and Garden Educator, Eastie Farm** (Boston) *June- Sept 2018*
- **Farm Worker, various farms** (Wyoming, North Carolina) *2012-2014; 2015-2016*
- **Server, various restaurants** (Wyoming, North Carolina) *2012-2014; 2015-2016*
- **Sustainability Educator, Auxiliares de Conversación** (Spain) *2014-2015*
- **Ski Instructor, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort** (Wyoming) *2012-2014*
- **Middle School English Teacher, Day Star Bilingual School** (Honduras) *2011-2012*
- **Mountain Biking Program Director, Green Cove Camp** (North Carolina) *May- Aug 2008-2011*

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**EDUCATION**

**Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy, Tufts University**

*May*

2018MSc, Agriculture, Food & Environment

Specialty: Community Food Security & Public Health

Certificate: Water: Systems, Science & Society

Research Track

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**

*May*

2011BA, International Studies: Environmental Affairs, Minor: Spanish

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**SELECT PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

\* For a repository of authored public comments and testimony, please see <https://foodismedicinema.org/public-comments-testimony> (Excludes 'Public Comments Related to Food is Medicine' at the bottom of the page)

Invited Speaker. Implementing the Food is Medicine State Plan. Roadrunner Food Bank's SEED Conference. *Upcoming June 2021.*

**Kristin Sukys**, Katie Garfield. Memo: Healthy Default Beverages in Children's Meals: A Model Statute for Counties. Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation. June 2021.

Invited Speaker. The Massachusetts Food and Health Pilot Bill. Massachusetts Food Systems Collaborative Legislative Briefing. February 2021.

**Kristin Sukys**, Hannah Sobel, Katie Garfield, Jean Terranova. [Food is Medicine Massachusetts 2021 Advocacy Agenda](#). Food is Medicine Massachusetts. January 2021.

Jacqueline Salwa, **Kristin Sukys**, Mike Atalla. Memo: Legal Feasibility of Implementing Sugar Reduction Ordinances at the Local Level. Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation. April 2021.

Katie Garfield, Emma Scott, **Kristin Sukys**, Sarah Downer, Rachel Landauer, Julianne Orr, et al., Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation. [Mainstreaming Produce Prescriptions: A Policy Strategy Report](#), March 2021

**Kristin Sukys**, Sarah Downer. [Food is Medicine: Peer-Reviewed Research in the U.S.](#), Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation. December 2020.

Invited Speaker. Massachusetts Food is Medicine State Plan. Nutrition & Obesity Policy Research & Evaluation Network (NOPREN) Food Security Workgroup. November 2020.

**Kristin Sukys**, Katie Garfield. Memo: Warning Labels on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages: Legal Feasibility. Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation. October 2020.

**Kristin Sukys**, Katie Garfield. Memo: Establishing a Health Food Zone Ordinance. Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation. October 2020.

**Kristin Sukys**, Katie Garfield. Memo: Healthy Food Service Guidelines for State Agencies. Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation. August 2020.

**Kristin Sukys**, Katie Garfield, and various Community Partners. [Voices from the Field Case Study Series: Food is Medicine During COVID-19](#). Food is Medicine Massachusetts. Summer 2020.

Sarah Downer, Katie Garfield, **Kristin Sukys**, Kurt Hager, Hanh Nguyen, Emily Broad Leib, et al. [Massachusetts Food is Medicine State Plan](#). June 2019

**Kristin Sukys**. [Massachusetts Food is Medicine State Plan Spatial Analysis Technical Brief](#). Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation and Community Servings. May 2019.

Recorded Webinar. **Kristin Sukys**, Sarah Downer, Jean Terranova, Katie Garfield, Kurt Hager. [The Food is Medicine State Plan GIS Methodology Webinar](#). Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation of Harvard Law School. February 2019.

Invited Speaker. [The State of Health Retail](#). Healthy Food Retail Action Network NYC. August 2017.

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## SELECT MEDIA MENTIONS

[Health Care Institutions, Nonprofits Team Up to Battle Hunger and the Pandemic](#). Janelle Nanos. Boston Globe. August 14, 2020.

[Veggie Rx in the 2018 Farm Bill](#). Emily Hennessee. April 2020. John Hopkins Center for a Liveable Future.

[Feeding the Sick](#). Trade Offs Podcast. November 27, 2019.

[Coalition-Building: Inside the Food is Medicine Movement in Massachusetts: Cooking up the Rx to Address Food Insecurity at the State Level](#). Patchwise Labs. October 8, 2019.

[Food as Medicine: Massachusetts Bill Would Give Medicaid Recipients Fresh Food and Grocery Money](#). Jessica Fu. New Food Economy. October 25th, 2019.

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## SELECT GRADUATE RESEARCH

- **Quantifying Environmental Constraints for Expanded Production of Select Plant-Based Foods**, 2018
- [Hospital Manifesto: Actions Towards Holistic and Equitable Community Health](#), 2018
- **Evaluation of the Federal Healthy Food Financing Initiative Against a Progressive Food Justice Framework**, 2017
- *Legislative Memo: Agricultural Intensification, Food Security, and the Environment*, 2017
  - **Assessing Food Waste for Marley Spoon Meal Kit Company**, Food Waste Directed Study, 2017
- *Mapping Implications of the Alternative Poverty Measure on Federal Food Program Eligibility*, 2017

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## VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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| • Boston Food Access Council Member                                      | 2018-2021   |
| • Fit Kitchen Volunteer  | Spring 2018 |
| • Massachusetts Food Systems Collaborative Member                        | 2017-2021   |
| • Somerville Food Security Coalition Member                              | 2017-2020   |
| • Tufts Food Systems Symposium Volunteer Project Manager                 | 2017, 2018  |
| • Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group Volunteer              | Fall 2017   |
| • DINE: Dig-in! Nutrition Education Volunteer                            | Fall 2017   |
| • Tufts Student Research Conference Volunteer Communications Coordinator | Spring 2017 |
| • Friedman Justice League Member   | 2016-2018   |
| • New York City Climate Week Volunteer                                   | Sept 2015   |
| • Slow Food in the Tetons Member   | 2012-2014   |

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## LANGUAGE & SKILLS

- Spanish (intermediate), Excel and Microsoft Office (intermediate), ArcGIS (intermediate), InDesign (basic), Stata (basic)